

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the programmes and schemes being run by the Ministry which aim at increasing the proportion of fully immunized children aged between 12-23 months;
- (b) the total amount of funds released by the Government under each of these schemes during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether according to findings of the National Family Health Survey-3 in the year 2005-06, the proportion of children in the age group of 12-23 months who were fully immunized was only 43.5% for the whole country;
- (d) whether the immunization schemes are not functioning properly in the country;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Government is implementing the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) for providing protection to children against six vaccine preventable diseases namely Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, and Measles. The State-wise and year-wise break-up of funds released under this programme is at annexure-I.

(c) Yes Sir,

(d) & (e) No sir, the Universal Immunization Programme is a core activity taken up under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) by all States & UTs. Therefore, the programme has received much attention.

(f) The following steps have been taken by the Government to strengthen the Immunization Programme in the country:-

- # strengthening of supervision and monitoring by providing mobility support,
- # vaccine delivery support from last storage point i.e. PHC to session-site,
- # mobilization of children to immunization session site by ASHA/Link workers,
- # to provide services in slums and under served areas where services are deficit by outsourcing immunization services.
- # support for review meeting; computer assistance at state & district level.
- # strengthening of cold chain facilities.